

20. To Mm who presents (offerings) SOMA gives
 a milch-cow, a swift horse, and a son who is
 able
 in affairs^ skilful in domestic concerns,
 assiduous in
 worship^ eminent in society, and who is an
 honour
 to his father.
21. We rejoice, SCBTA, contemplating thee,
 in- Vargaxxin
 vincible in battle, triumphant amongst hosts,
 the
 granter of heaven, the giver of rain, the
 preserver
 of strength₃ bora amidst sacrifices,
 occupying a
 brilliant * dwelling, renowned,, and victorious.
22. Thou, SOMA, hast generated all these
 herbs,
 the water, and the tine ; thou hast spread out
 the
 spacious firmament ; tlion hast scattered
 darkness
 with light*
23. Divine and potent SDMA, iestow. upon us,
 with thy brilliant mind₅ a portion of wealth :
 may
 no (adversary) annoy thee. Thou art supreme
 over
 the valour of (any) two (mutual) opponents.
 Defend
 us (from our enemies,) in battled

SUETA YIIL (XCH.)

The *RisJii* is G-QT-UO. : the deity is USIAS (the
 Dawn), except in
 the last triad, which is addressed to' the
 ASWINS : the metre
 of the first four verses is *Jagati* ; of the last six^
UsMih ; of the
 rest, *Trishtubh.* ,

1. These divinities of the morning ^b have spread
 varga xxiv.

^a There is, eYideaiijj great confasioB₇ in this hymn,

between

Sotm, the moon, and *Some-*, the acid Aselepias. Pew

passages

indicate the former distinctly , except, perhaps, Terse twenty-two,

which alludes to the function of scattering darkness by light.

* ** We have the term *Ushasaji*, in the plnral, intending,
according